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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Wellesley Fire Department Provides More Masks for Most Vulnerable Residents**

**February 11, 2022 (Wellesley, MA)** — A Town of Wellesley program providing masks for our most vulnerable residents is getting a booster. Beginning next week, these individuals will receive replacement N95 masks purchased by the Wellesley Fire Department with a new grant from the Community Fund for Wellesley (CFFW).

This program began during the initial phase of the pandemic. With new N95 mask inventory now available, the Fire Department once again partnered with the Community Fund to purchase an additional 4,500 N95 masks for senior residents 65 years and older, and medically vulnerable individuals such as those with chronic illnesses, compromised immune systems, and other high-risk medical conditions.

Wellesley firefighters will go directly to residents' homes to deliver the masks and make sure they are properly fitted. Eligible residents can also request to pick up their mask at Fire Department headquarters on Route 9 (457 Worcester Street).

"The collaboration and support from the Community Fund for Wellesley to continue to make this program possible is amazing. I'm grateful for this great work and hope the community will continue to support their efforts," said Wellesley Fire Chief Rick DeLorie.

The Community Fund for Wellesley is an endowed fund of the Foundation for MetroWest, a nonprofit 501c3. The N95 masks can be used by residents for high-risk indoor outings like grocery shopping and doctor visits. The Fire Department, Health Department, and Council on Aging are helping identify the residents who should receive masks.



To request an N95 mask, call the Fire Department non-emergency line at 781-235-1300. Please provide your name, address, and daytime phone number or request to pick up a mask at Fire Department headquarters. A firefighter will call back to schedule a mask delivery and review any fitting questions; routes and times will be determined by locations in Town.

The first 200 callers will receive a Wellesley Fire Rescue coffee mug along with two N95 masks.

**Pictured left to right:** Deputy Fire Chief/Inspector Steve Mortarelli, Firefighter Scott Smith, Community Fund for Wellesley board chair Michael Stevens, CFFW board member Wendy Paul, Fire Chief Rick DeLorie, Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Peterson, and EMS Coordinator Lieutenant Dana Gerrans.

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